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NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

Three very unusual opportunities are being offered to our churches to secure outstanding speakers at a minimum of cost, and who will advance various phases of our benevolence program.

First of all, our own Dr. Leonard F. Wilbur is now ready to devote a very large part of his time during the months of December, January, February, and possibly March, to visiting churches. He prefers to stay in a church two or three days and speak in an intimate way to a number of groups, including young people, senior departments of Sunday Schools, women's associations, and men's clubs. He will also be glad to occupy the pulpit, but thinks that better work can be done with smaller gatherings and with ample time for question and answer. His dates should be made through the Conference office.

Rev. Hugh Vernon White, formerly pastor at Stockton, and now secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, will be in residence at the Pacific School of Religion during the spring quarter, from February 28 to May 12. His program of teaching will not be heavy and he will be available to preach on Sundays and to fill other speaking engagements in our churches during that period. He will undoubtedly be on the program of a number of associations. All of his dates will be arranged through the Conference office.

Another outstanding opportunity will be presented by the coming of Rev. Dwight J. Bradley, the new director of the Council for Social Action, who plans to be on the coast for several months beginning about the middle of February. He, too, will give courses in the Pacific School of Religion during the spring quarter, and will probably be a speaker at a number of the association meetings. He will be glad to preach on Sundays, and is especially eager to meet groups of laymen for discussion concerning the future program of the Council for Social Action.

On account of the very serious financial condition of our national Boards, it will be necessary in nearly every case for travel expenses and entertainment to be paid by the local church, but the Conference will endeavor to arrange the schedules so that such expenses can be shared by two or more churches for any given trip.

Churches desiring any one or all of these speakers would do well to get in their requests at a very early date. Never before have we been able to offer three outstanding speakers at one and the same time.

1939 HAND BOOK READY

The 1939 Handbook is now ready for distribution. In addition to the year's guide for the Reading of the Bible, prepared by Dr. James A. Blaisdell with added comment and prayers, the Handbook contains sections on church organization, lists of Christian Life topics, Christian Endeavor topics and Prayer Meeting topics for the year, etc. Quantities may be ordered through Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco, at a cost of 5c per single copy, 4c per copy in lots of 10, or $3.00 per 100.

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What a lift it will give! Just $1.00 more from each adult Congregationalist before the end of the year.

First of all, it will prevent a deficit next March 31, when the fiscal year of the Conference closes, and justify the faith of the Board of Directors, who refused to cut the budget further just because invested funds were not earning so much. Dividends or no dividends, our churches must go on with their ministry.

Second, it will help to prevent further retrenchments on our foreign field. Every voice from the Orient is saying that this is not the time to quit but to go forward. Never has the work of our missionaries been more fruitful, never has the Gospel made greater appeal than now.

Third, it will help to maintain the work of our Home Board, restoring hurricane riddled churches, educating our Negro youth, aiding aged ministers and their widows, furnishing highgrade material for our Sunday Schools and young people's groups, and much more.

Fourth, it will help to insure a truly attractive program at the Temple of Religion and Tower of Peace at the Golden Gate International Exposition, when the world comes to our doors.

The extra dollar is to be given through the local church. Pastors and workers have the plan in detail. Inquire about it! Remember, if you gave $100.00 to benevolence in 1937, you are asked to give $101.00 in 1938. If you gave $1.00 in 1937, you are asked to give $2.00 in 1938. If you gave nothing in 1937, you are asked to give $1.00 in 1938.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors has made committee appointments to serve during the coming Conference year. Two or three resignations have been received and the Board has not had the opportunity to fill the vacancies, but the list at the time of going to press is as follows:

Finance: Rev. W. Wallace Furze, Mr. C. S. Morse, Mr. A. W. Moore, Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Religious Education: Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, Mrs. L. M. Drury, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, Miss Lucile Shackelford, Rev. Robert A. Bentley, Rev. P. Pierson Parker, Rev. Stewart E. Locke.

Young People's Work: Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. E. W. Benedict, Miss Vernice Chamberlain, Mr. Roy Fogel, Mr. Alfred Focht, Mr. Garver Jensen, Mr. Daniel Ruggles.

Laymen's Fellowship: Mr. C. T. Tinker, Mr. Gilbert Wright, Mr. Ralph R. Arnold, Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., Mr. George S. Martin, Mr. Irwin O. Addicott, Mr. Henry Gemmer.

World Service: Dr. C. A. Kofoid, Mrs. Gail Cleland, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, Mrs. Godfrey Matthews, Mr. F. H. Seely, Rev. Burton M. Palmer, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Mrs. Oscar McCoy.

Religion in Higher Education: Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Stephen Peabody, Mrs. Chester Marliave, Rev. Noel J. Breed.

Appropriations: Dr. Ray E. Gilson, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Rev. Victor H. Morgan.

Social Action: Rev. Wilfred Withington, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. Norman B. Henderson, Dr. Alan Benner, Mrs. E. W. Benedict, Miss Margaret Waddell, Mrs. J. M. Burk.

Evangelism: Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Rev. H. J. Loken, Rev. C. V. Carlson, Rev. H. S. Mahood, Rev. Richard C. Day, Rev. Charles L. Mears.

Special Committee on Attendance at Church: Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. Gail Cleland, Prof. W. H. Davis.

The above list should be clipped and together with the list of officers and committees appointed by the Conference, which appeared in the November issue of The Pacific, should be pasted in the Hand Book and Directory.

Word comes of the sudden death of Rev. Robert E. Brown of Oberlin, former pastor of the First Congregational Church, Oakland, on November 26. Our fellowship bows its heart in sorrow and sympathy.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP MIDWINTER MEET

The Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California will hold its annual Midwinter Conference in the First Church of Alameda. The three-day session, December 27, 28, and 29, will be under the directorship of Lawton Harris, who so conducted the recreational program at the Zephyr Point Conference as to give rise to unanimous enthusiasm.

"Beacons in a Blind Flying World" is the theme that has been chosen to state the need and emphasize the tempo of modern life and the problems to be faced by young people.

Rev. Gail Cleland, pastor of the Alameda church and director at Asilomar in 1935, will be the authority on "Group Methods."

Rev. Fred R. Morrow, director of the Zephyr Point Conference last summer and friend of the Pilgrim Fellowship cabinet, will lead a splendid class in "Techniques of Personal Living." Fred, as all young people call him, is director of religious education in our First Church, Berkeley, and director of Plymouth House, Congregational student center at the University of California.

Round tables and discussion periods will follow the addresses, giving the delegates sufficient opportunity to review and compare their opinions and attitudes on the subjects before them.

Lawton Harris does not believe in all work and no play. He will see to it that there is opportunity for lots of fun.

Accommodations for out-of-town people will be cared for in homes in the Bay area.

Eric Sanders from San Diego, regional representative of the national Pilgrim Fellowship, will be on hand and Northern California young people are looking forward to meeting him.

Vernice Chamberlain, president of the Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship, urges all young people to plan to attend. Says she, "We are offering you a grand opportunity for some progressive thinking and planning, and some splendid entertainment, as well. Don't miss it."

ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Following a recommendation made by Rev. Elmer W. Benedict of Pittsburg, the Conference at San Mateo instructed the Board of Directors to set up a committee to gather statistics of church attendance, for regular publication in The Pacific. The committee appointed consisted of Rev. E. W. Benedict, Moderator William Hawley Davis, and Rev. Gail Cleland. They have decided to ask the pastors of all of our churches to submit a report by postcard following the last Sunday of each month, giving total attendance at Sunday morning services and the total number of men attending during the month just completed. These statistics will be added in the office, and the totals will be published in The Pacific. The reports of individual churches will not be printed. It is an effort to encourage increased attendance at church by showing to the people the impressive total of those who attend in the course of a month in all of our churches. The first reports will be published at the end of December, in the January "Pacific."

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CHINA RELIEF

The Church Committee for China Relief is the agency of the churches for meeting the emergency in China. It is the only large national appeal in the field now. It is endorsed heartily by the General Council, and the American Board has released Wynn Fairfield to lead in this effort. Superintendent Gill is on the California Committee, and the regional director is Dr. L. L. Wirt.

America gave seven million dollars for Japanese sufferers in the Yokohama earthquake. It has given only about half a million to China relief through the Red Cross. Japan is saying that this proves America does not really care what happens in China. As America is also supplying 54% of Japan's imported war materials, simple justice, not to mention humanity, demands we do not fail even in Relief.

The present campaign belongs to the individual Church; it is not a high pressure campaign put on from above. There is an office in San Francisco in the Congregational Methodist Temple, with A. H. Van Etten as secretary in charge. This is in line with the policy of reducing overhead by using missionaries on furlough in the State offices. These offices are anxious to cooperate with the Churches in providing missionary speakers and materials, but the initiative rests with the local Church.

Christmas will not be a time of feasting for 30 million Chinese refugees this year. Hundreds of thousands of them have found safety in Church and mission compounds, and some seven million have been helped in one way or another to date. But unless we hold up the hands of our missionaries, many of these sufferers will starve on our doorsteps this winter.

It costs only 3c a day to save the life of one such, but even so it will take at least 20 million dollars to meet this additional responsibility which has come to the Church. China's unparalleled need presents a challenge and affords an opportunity for cooperation with our missionaries that cannot fail to have far-reaching results, both in the foreign field and in the strengthening of the home church.

DAILY DEVOTIONS NO. 5

In response to inquiries which come now and then, the Seminar on Personal Devotional Life is glad to be able to announce that Daily Devotions No. 5 is actually on the press, and will be ready for distribution in the course of the next few weeks. At least that is the word from the office of the Commission on Evangelism. The material for this book was prepared by Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, long known and beloved on the Pacific Coast. A unique arrangement of daily Bible readings in the Handbook for 1939 was arranged under the auspices of the Seminar by President James A. Blaisdell, and comments on the Bible readings will appear regularly in "Advance."

TEMPLE OF FAITHS

The Temple of Religion and Tower of Peace at the Golden Gate International Exposition are definitely assured. The building and the program are emphasizing those things which all religious groups have in common. The Exposition has donated a lot 300 by 150 feet, fronting on three avenues, and is paying for the construction and furnishing of the building up to $100,000.

The building itself will consist of a large hall for exhibits, Hall of Friendship to seat approximately 200 people with a stage to accommodate a choir of fifty people, and a splendid Wicks Pipe Organ. There will be a small room for prayer and meditation, a large social hall, and the necessary offices for the building. Surrounding it there will be a garden in which will be planted various trees, plants, shrubs, flowers, etc., that grow in California and are mentioned in the Bible, and the center of this open space will be paved and will be suitable for large outdoor gatherings. There will be a tower 100 feet high dedicated to Peace, especially illuminated for night displays.

The plans of the Program Committee contemplate bringing outstanding world leaders representing the different religious faiths, to the Exposition next year. The Exhibits Committee will present a varied historical religious display of interest to all faiths, and unique in its antiquity. The Motion Picture Committee is making arrangements for the showing of a technicolor motion picture depicting the historical feature of religious freedom leading up to the spiritual liberty enjoyed in this country, as outlined in the Constitution of the United States.

Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee is the President, Rev. H. P. Shaw the Secretary, Rev. Edgar A. Lowther of the Congregational-Methodist Temple the Assistant Secretary; Mr. E. V. Krick, Congregational layman, is Treasurer, and Honorable Curtis D. Wilbur is one of the Vice-Presidents.

CHRISTMAS FUND

"Why is there still need of the Christmas Fund when 1,100 ministers and widows are receiving annuities from the Annuity Fund?"

"Age and ill-health," is the answer. Of thirty-five grants voted between January and June of this year, fifteen were to retired ministers sixty-nine years of age or older, twelve to widows, and the remainder to ministers sixty-five to sixty-nine no longer able to serve. The Annuity Fund came too late to be of much help to these people. Their only resource is in a pension from the Ministerial Relief Division.

The Christmas Fund goes in the main to aged ministers and widows of ministers who were never able to join the Annuity Fund. On the roll of national and state relief boards, there are 745 ministers and widows receiving free pensions, which average but $244 to a minister and $197 to a widow. The Christmas Fund is used to send them a Christmas gift, to help maintain their regular pensions, and to meet critical conditions during the year in their families and in the families of some underpaid pastors when sickness or accident occurs.

Without the help that the Christmas Fund gives in meeting the bitter crises that arise in the lives of the aged and unfortunate, there would be hundreds of cases of sheer despair. Whatever your other gifts may be, do not let the Christmas Fund be forgotten. Send checks directly to the Board of Home Missions, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, marked "Christmas Fund," or to the Conference office.

IMPROVED

Thirty-four churches responded to our appeal a month ago, and made substantial remittances during November totalling $3128, which brings this year's total much nearer to that of a year ago than was indicated a month ago. We are within $219 of the amount received up to November 30, 1937, so it is entirely possible for us to exceed last year's giving in the next five weeks. As in previous years, the books will be held open until January 10. Remittances postmarked on or before that date will be credited for 1938 unless otherwise requested. To equal last year is encouraging, but not sufficient. Will pastors and treasurers read carefully the statement regarding the Dollar Plan, on page 1.

	Nov., 1938	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1938	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1937
Adin	$	$ 26.85	$ 39.60
Alameda	310.19	631.09	422.65
Alturas		33.63	22.71
Angels Camp	25.00	82.50	125.00
Antioch		15.00	51.50
Auburn		71.98	60.00
Benicia		5.00	20.00
Berkeley, First	368.68	3,933.17	6,427.80
Kensington		10.00	10.00
North		413.84	251.45
Park		51.79	65.80
Campbell	75.00	179.95	177.00
Cloverdale	3.63	47.85	44.50
Cotati	12.80	63.23	40.19
Crockett		12.21	23.50
Eureka	25.84	323.02	298.94
Fairfax		10.00	23.05
Ferndale		168.35	155.10
Fowler		18.00	
Fresno, First	74.31	775.64	676.32
Free Cross			10.00
Pilgrim		160.00	95.00
Zion	32.85	32.85	50.00
Guerneville	3.50	10.25	9.75
Hayward	50.00	100.00	8 .00
Kenwood		33.61	41.50
Lewiston			2.75
Lodi, First		850.00	695.00
Loomis		21.00	18.00
Martinez	42.33	305.00	303.45
Murphys		60.00	50.00
Niles		10.70	5.00
Oakland, First	416.66	4,986.80	4,858.26
Fruitvale		24.00	22.00
Japanese		5.00	
Pilgrim	6.00	34.50	38.91
Plymouth	84.81	683.62	649.65
Oroville		20.00	150.00
Pacific Grove		233.06	281.30
Palo Alto	700.00	1,800.00	1,650.00
Paradise	40.00	150.00	134.16
Penngrove		20.01	
Pescadero		5.00	
Petaluma	100.58	536.21	607.64
Pittsburg	15.29	112.61	117.83
Port Chicago			2.00
Porterville		100.00	112.50
Redwood City		403.89	510.00
Rio Vista		90.00	38.87
Ripon	18.17	118.11	108.57
Sacramento	102.43	665.60	445.06
Salida			50.00
San Carlos	6.42	66.32	24.62
San Francisco, Bethany Mission Park	78.00	484.83	256.17
First	114.77	1,365.27	1,504.49
Ocean View		15.00	35.00
Richmond	5.00	105.50	74.00
San Jose	100.00	567.00	607.00
San Leandro	9.65	75.71	84.78
San Mateo		87.50	60.00
San Rafael	20.00	20.00	39.00
Santa Cruz	80.00	680.00	485.00
Santa Rosa	11.30	135.60	155.53
Saratoga		393.14	363.24
Sebastopol	9.15	153.20	194.33
Sonoma		95.29	57.90
Soquel		92.00	65.00
Stockton	63.30	518.53	440.95
Suisun		37.00	35.45
Sunnyvale			7.61
Tulare	60.00	350.00	225.00
Weaverville		109.60	126.39
Woodside		20.00	
Reno, Nevada	57.55	379.85	381.66
Miscellaneous	5.00	1,321.43*	419.73
	$3,128.21	$25,519.70	$25,738.16

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* Includes Special Deficit Gifts which will be credited to the churches at the end of the year.

ECONOMIC PLEBISCITE

Readers of The Pacific may be awaiting with interest the result of the Economic Plebiscite in northern California churches, but at the present time we are unable to give any totals as all blanks were sent to the Council for Social Action headquarters in New York. Tabulations will be reported back at a later date.

ALAMEDA. At the 60th anniversary of the founding of the church, a note was burned and thus a most troublesome indebtedness of more than 10 years' standing was wiped out. The current deficit has been cleared, so that for the first time in many years the church is entirely free from debt. This was a satisfactory celebration not only of the anniversary of the church but of the completion of the 10-year pastorate of Rev. Gail Cleland, report of which appeared in last month's Pacific.

REDWOOD CITY. An Every Member Visitation was held in November, with teams of husband and wife as volunteer workers. A hundred members and guests of the Women's Guild commemorated the church's 76th anniversary by a luncheon. A project to make the church parlors more attractive, by installing new furniture, rugs, and drapes, is moving forward. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

SAN JOSE. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, the new pastor, has been at work for more than a month, and plans have been pushed vigorously for the financing of the remodelling program that has been carried out during the summer and autumn. It is reported that the auditorium has been completely transformed, and is an example of what may be done in an old building to make it attractive and worshipful.

OAKLAND PILGRIM. The choir under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Williams is of great assistance. The Broadmoor Choral gave five numbers at a recent Sunday service. Rev. Harvey V. Miller is pastor.

ADIN. According to Rev. A. W. Monosmith, the pastor, a group of younger farmers is taking seriously the work of the church, filling the vacancies left by death and removals of a number of older standbys.

WOODSIDE. This little church is congratulating itself on its success in securing as future pastor and leader, Rev. Burton M. Palmer of Saratoga, who will begin work on February 15.

FAIRFAX. Thirty members of the Fellowship circle meet Sunday evenings in the home of the pastor, Rev. C. L. Mears. Members of a nearby C.C.C. camp attend services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 15, Annual Meeting of California Church Council, First Methodist Church, Los Angeles.

December 27-28-29, Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, First Congregational Church, Alameda.

January 12-13, Annual Meeting of Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, First Congregational Church, Oakland.

February 21-22-23, Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

April 9, Easter.

July 29-August 5, Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.

SAN FRANCISCO
HOTEL Stewart

Down town on Geary St. above Union Square. Rates with bath $2.50, $3.00 and $3.50 one person; $3.50 to $5.00 two persons; without bath $1.75 one person, $2.50 two persons. CHAS. A. and MARGARET STEWART, Proprietors.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, FIRST. The congregation of this great church was shocked and saddened on Sunday, December 4, by the announcement of the resignation of Rev. O. W. S. McCall, pastor, to take effect the latter part of January. He has accepted a call to the New First Congregational Church of Chicago, Ill., where it is believed he will have a city-wide hearing in that great metropolis.

For 17 years Dr. McCall has been pastor of the Berkeley church. The membership and the attendance was built up to one of the largest on the Pacific coast. The entire church plant was erected and all but a few thousand dollars of the indebtedness has been paid, and that is underwritten. A great body of students at the University and other young people have been attracted by his ministry. The benevolence giving of the church was maintained with slight reduction right through the difficult years of the depression. His ministry has had a wide hearing through the radio, through noon-day theater services, and for a period through the publication of a magazine. He has conducted preaching missions in many cities. He has served as moderator of the Conference and member of the Board of Directors. He was chaplain of the General Council at its Seattle meeting. The great fellowship of churches and ministers on the Pacific coast will miss him, and he will carry with him the best wishes of multitudes as he undertakes a new ministry in another great center.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The Angels Camp church and social hall were painted and all bills paid immediately. The interior of the church will be cleaned and the floor oiled, and a new heater installed. In two recent issues of the Angels Camp paper, no less than eight articles appeared touching various phases of the church program. Every Protestant child in the area of Douglas Flats is enrolled in the new Sunday School. Twenty-eight people attended church service at Sheep Ranch at the last visit of Rev. John G. Dickey, and the Sunday School there has an attendance of more than fifty.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. On Sunday evening, December 4, the choir went on the air, through the courtesy of KROW, with a lovely Christmas program. The Well Baby Clinic has completed two years of its existence, serving a total of 150 different babies. The total number of treatments is close to a thousand. The average attendance is ten or fifteen babies a week. Miss Mary Coxhead is director of the clinic. Rev. F. J. Van Horn is interim pastor.

FRESNO, THIRD. Rev. J. J. Raugust who has been pastor of this church for several years, has resigned, and for health reasons will not immediately accept another pastorate. Just what the future of Third Church will be has not been fully determined. It has had a small but devoted group of members, but is located within a few blocks of two other German Congregational Churches.

CAMPBELL. The winter's activities have never looked so favorable; 165 members are enrolled in 4 groups made up of youth, business young women, and men. Congregations are growing and the town is looking forward to real progress due to the opening of a magnificent high school. Rev. J. H. Bennett is closing the 12th year of his service as pastor.

HAYWARD. Laymen's Sunday was observed on November 27. A committee, headed by Mr. Lowell A. Lucas, arranged the details of the service and promoted the publicity program, which resulted in an attendance that filled the auditorium. John Lucas, music student at the College of the Pacific, acted as Precentor; Raymond F. Pendergast and Dr. E. H. Lum read the Scriptures; Frederick Perley Johnson led the congregation in the prayers; O. B. Paulsen of the Hayward Union High School preached on "Kinds of Laymen" and invited the men of the church to a re-dedication of their lives and gifts to God and to the church in this time of cultural recession. At the close the minister, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, and his wife were asked to stand before Mr. Johnson, who presented them, in the name of the laymen, with a scroll on which was inscribed a message of love, loyalty, and thankfulness, and prayers for a continued useful ministry, and which was signed by the entire membership and many regular attendants.

PORTERVILLE. The community Armistice Sunday service was held in the Congregational Church with Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, preaching the sermon; 425 people were in attendance. An offering of $188 was taken for New England hurricane relief at Thanksgiving time, all of which will reduce the indebtedness of the church to the Building Society. New choir robes have been secured and paid for. The Sunday morning young people's program is a success, with forty young people in attendance at the regular worship out of a total congregation of 190. The community has been hit financially by a freeze of the citrus crops.

PITTSBURG. The wall of the church, which was damaged by the heavy wind last spring, has been repaired and new roofs for the church and parsonage have been installed at a cost of $400. The Pilgrim Fellowship has doubled its membership this autumn and the members are to wear regular PF pins. Costumes of different nations were worn by members of the Women's Auxiliary at the annual bazaar, and Puritan costumes by the waitresses who served 250 people with a turkey dinner. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

EUREKA. Rev. C. H. Hudson, the pastor, recently exchanged pulpits with Rev. Roscoe D. Douglass of Ferndale, in order that report of the annual meeting of the State Conference might be heard by the Ferndale Church. Attendance at the children's service on Sunday mornings is being encouraged by the presentation of a miniature illustrated Life of Christ, and for attendance until New Year's, a beautiful New Testament.

SAN CARLOS. Since the resignation of Rev. Alden Read who has departed for Pasadena where he will be assistant at First Church, Rev. Robert B. Whitaker and Rev. James R. Hewitt have supplied the pulpit. A committee is actively at work seeking a new pastor.

BERKELEY PARK. The community Thanksgiving service of the south Berkeley churches was held in this church, with Rev. Ralph Marshall Davis of First Presbyterian Church, Oakland, preaching the sermon. A new heating plant has been completed and paid for, and is much enjoyed. Rev. Tom Watt is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. On Sunday, October 30, at the Antlers Hotel in San Bernardino, with Charles R. Barnard, Presiding Justice of the Fourth Court of Appeals, and Mrs. Barnard as hosts, the engagement of Betty Allen Isaacson and Rev. Norman B. Henderson was announced. Only the immediate families were present. Mrs. Isaacson is Supervisor of Home Economics and Home Making at the Norwalk High School, and is the author of the textbook, "How We Should Behave." She was dean of women at the summer session of Fresno State College in 1938, and is a member of the Congregational Church at Norwalk. Members of the Fresno Church are very happy that their beloved pastor will be thus able to re-establish his home. The wedding will take place some time in the spring.

SARATOGA. Ten years of splendid pastoral leadership will be concluded on February 15, when the resignation of Rev. Burton M. Palmer takes effect. The pastorate has been significant, not only for its own high quality but because Dr. Palmer's father ministered in the same pulpit many years ago. Dr. Palmer came to Saratoga from Santa Cruz, in fact his entire ministry has been in the Northern California Conference, where he has served our churches at Benicia, Fruitvale, and Pacific Grove, as well as Santa Cruz and Saratoga. During his ministry a beautiful new parsonage was erected, and all departments of the church were maintained in splendid efficiency.

PARADISE. Coincident with the coming of the new pastor, Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, the church sold the old building which had been used for a parsonage, and used the proceeds as a down payment on the purchase of the very lovely Winslow home for a new parsonage. For a number of years the church has desired to make this change, and was able to do it by the incurring of a $1200 indebtedness. Not only will the minister have a comfortable and attractive home, located immediately at the rear of the church, but it will again be what it was when owned by the Winslows — a social meeting place for many parish groups.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. The series of lectures given by Dr. George Hedley on "An Approach to the Bible" drew a very large attendance. A new series is planned for the spring. A new young people's organization known as the High K Club has been started under the leadership of Mr. George Berry, Jr., a graduate student at the University of California. Mr. R. C. M. Fiske is director.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The Mission District union Thanksgiving service was held in this church. The weekday church school, under the superintendency of Mrs. Milton Melander, continues its splendid program of religious training, the children being engaged in worship, story telling, and hand crafts. The ninth annual Fall Festival brought into all departments upwards of $800. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton is pastor.

SONOMA. The Every Member Canvass held the first Sunday in November was a success. A goodly sum was raised through the annual bazaar sponsored by the Ladies' Aid Society. The County Christian Endeavor Union held a musical in the church with representatives from a number of societies participating. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

MARTINEZ. Rev. Verdette Walters of Denver, Colo., has accepted the call of this church and will begin work not later than January 1. Mr. Walters is a young man, a graduate of Morningside College, Iowa, and of the Chicago Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of two churches in Denver, and has taken a very active interest in denominational and interdenominational affairs. He has served on the Young People's Work Committee of the Colorado Conference, and as secretary of the Colorado Council of Churches. He was attracted to Martinez by the opportunities presented by a community in which there was not the problem of over-churching and by the very adequate building which lends itself to a real community program.

RENO, NEVADA. The church property is being repaired. The mortar in the brick walls is being renewed and the woodwork is being painted. Negotiations are under way for the purchase of an adjoining lot. Rev. William M. Case is in his 14th year as pastor. On a recent week-end, Superintendent Gill visited Reno, speaking at the morning service, at a union meeting of churches in the evening, at the dinner for two young people's societies, at the Sunday School, at the Rotary Club, and at a special conference of the ministers of the city and nearby points. His chief message was concerning the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences.

ANTIOCH. The local chapter of Job's Daughters attended morning service the first Sunday in November. Motion pictures of the uncovering of the city of Mizpah in Palestine were shown by Mr. Philip Collins, when both intermediate and senior Pilgrim Fellowships were hosts to the Pittsburg young people. The women's Service Club held a successful bazaar, food sale, and dinner. A special offering for hurricane relief in New England enabled the church to pay in full the remainder of its obligation to the Building Society. Rev. W. R. Steininger is pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. The roads are practically impassable to Lewiston, so work there has been abandoned for the time being. Thanksgiving offerings of food were received at both Hayfork and Weaverville for needy families. The Young People's Society at Hayfork recently spent a Sunday afternoon in cleaning up the church yard. The women's societies have been active with programs for raising money for the churches. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. Thirty-four-members were received into the united church on November 13. A beautiful curtain has been installed immediately behind the pulpit which makes a very attractive background for the service of worship and also permits the giving of oratorios and cantatas in the form of operas—with action accompanying the singing.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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There will be no Federation meeting in December. The Annual Meeting will be held in Oakland, First Church, Thursday and Friday, January 12 and 13.

ANNUAL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

A recommendation from the Presidents' Council that we change the month of our meeting was considerably discussed at our last Federation meeting. The final decision was to hold it this time as usual in January, but to put it forward a week to January 12 and 13, on account of our President's trip east to the Evanston Midwinter Meeting, beginning January 22.

Both men and women are invited to all sessions of the Annual Meeting, and to the luncheon and dinner, but reservations for either must be made not later than Monday, January 9, with Miss Helen Perkins, 2738 Webster Street, Berkeley. Phone Berkeley 5791-W. Dinner will be 60c; luncheon 40c. **The name of each person making reservation must accompany the reservation.** Accredited delegates wishing entertainment should communicate with Miss Perkins, not later than January 9.

REHABILITATION OF WOMEN OFFENDERS

The afternoon address at our Federation meeting was by Mrs. Anna Law, a Director of the California Institution for Women, located at Tehachapi. It now costs $115.00 for every man, woman, and child in the U. S. A. to look after our crime problem. There are several attitudes toward crime. Large groups emphasize crime prevention. Other large groups emphasize law enforcement,—through police, district attorneys' offices, and courts. One group is for punishment of offenders, and one group is for rehabilitation. Those in California who believe in rehabilitation have worked for many years to achieve the present institution for women, (it is never called a prison). It is administered by a Board of Directors composed of 3 women and 2 men, who serve without compensation. There are few women offenders compared with men; only 175 women at Tehachapi. There are 4 major buildings in a twelve-acre enclosure, surrounded by armed guards,—almost the only indication of incarceration. There are a number of cottages, each housing 35 girls. The girls do all the work, and are carefully trained that they may hold positions after they leave. They do not have uniforms, but have a choice of patterns and of colorful prints for week-day, and pastels for Sunday to differentiate the day. Volunteers of America hold services Sunday mornings and Protestant ministers conduct services Sunday evenings. Catholic Mass is held on Monday morning. Rabbis stop periodically to see the two Jewish girls. They have a fine educational director. Publishing a little paper affords self-expression, which they greatly appreciate. They are eligible to parole after one year, but usually remain three years. The three definite objectives for this Institution are: (1) to protect society; (2) to rehabilitate these individuals; (3) to make it self-sustaining so as to relieve taxpayers.

CHURCH WOMEN ASSIST MANY PROJECTS

Mrs. L. M. Drury reports that Stockton women have sent a special gift of money to Dr. Alma Cooke, originally of Stockton; also that they are doing sewing for Chinese refugees. Dr. Leonard Wilbur advises not to spend money buying new materials; rather, send the money direct. He gives the following addresses for the refugee sewing: North China Kung Li Hui, 29 Teng Shih K'ou, Peiping, China; label, "For Refugees."

A number of Berkeley First and North Church women patronized the food sale (chow mein), and bazaar of the Wah Mei Club, held in our Berkeley Chinese Congregational Church on November 12. Over $70.00 was cleared for China Relief. At all three union Thanksgiving services in Berkeley, the offerings went to the Church Committee for China Relief (see Superintendent Gill's article in the November Pacific). Rev. Dan Yee, pastor of our Chinese Congregational Church, made an eloquent appeal for his suffering countrymen. A recent letter from Dr. F. F. Goodsell, sent from Hong Kong, enclosed two Bulletins of the National Christian Council of China. He writes: "These bulletins . . . reflect both the need of the people and the spirit with which united Christian forces are trying to meet that need. How I wish American Christians generally could know and share. It seems so worthwhile to help." He visited Tehchow and sent a snapshot of Dr. Alma Cooke and the Tehchow staff.

The women of Sacramento Pioneer Church have sent textbooks suitable for supplementary use, to the Negro school at the Delta Cooperative Farm at Rochdale, Miss., which our president, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, visited on her way home from Evanston. One of their women is also sending her daughter's entire library to Tougaloo, our A. M. A. Negro College near Jackson, Miss. Both Tougaloo and Talladega (Ala.) are starting travelling libraries for rural schools and desire more books. The temporarily lowered postal rate to 1½c a pound for ordinary books seems a grand opportunity for helping. Our Angels Camp Church library, to which we have sent several hundred books, reports that their shelves are now filled to capacity, and only books for girls from 8 to 13 are desired.

MADRAS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

As this issue of The Pacific comes into our hands, the third World Conference of the International Missionary Council will be gathering on the beautiful new campus of Madras Christian College in Tambaram, a suburb of Madras, India. Read the October "Missionary Herald" and see in imagination the 450 delegates representing some 50 nations, with the white western delegates in the minority. Five of the American delegates are Congregationalists, and among them are our Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, Miss Ruth Seabury, and Dr. Douglas Horton. The meeting is from December 12 to 30. Its purpose is given in the theme: "The Church at the Heart of the World Christian Community." Those of us who remain at home are also the world church, and we are asked to "prepare ourselves through study, prayer, and meditation that great things may come out of this conference." The Conference World broadcast on their Christmas Day will come to us on Christmas Eve. Watch the papers for the exact time. Two teams of distinguished visitors from Madras will tour our country in February and March, and one of these teams will be in San Francisco for an interdenominational meeting March 9-10.

STRONG PROGRAM AT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Plans for the Interdenominational Pastoral Conference to be held under the auspices of the Pacific School of Religion, February 21-23, are going forward. The Earl lecturer will be Charles Phelps Taft of Cincinnati, Ohio, whose subjects will be:

1. The Christian Community in Relation to the Life of its Members;
2. The Christian Community and the Economic Problem;
3. The Christian Community in Relation to the Use of Force in Politics;
4. The Christian Philosophy of a Layman.

Burris Jenkins, famous pastor and editor of Kansas City, will give a series of addresses on "What I strongly Believe . . . (1) About God and the World, (2) About Christ and Society, (3) About the Church in Our Time."

Sam Higginbottom, famous missionary from India, will speak on "The Economic Consequences of Social Custom and Religious Belief in India Today." Edgar J. Goodspeed, New Testament scholar and translator from the University of Chicago, will speak on "Why Translate the Bible?" and "The New Testament and Ancient Publication." William Adams Brown, long a professor at Union Seminary and leader in the Ecumenical Movement, will speak on "Where Next in the Church?"

BACK TO CHINA

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker will be glad to know that after much delay and uncertainty, a way was found whereby these friends could return to China. The Whitakers have served two or three terms in foreign missionary work, returning some years ago on account of ill health. Mr. Whitaker has had two pastorates, one at Tulare and one at Freewater, Oregon, during which time he fully recovered. With his knowledge of the Chinese language and customs, he will at once be able to undertake active work, and for the present will probably be located in or near Peiping. Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker sailed with two of their daughters on December 1.

Our Prayer Guild Secretary has sent questions to each society through its president, but only one-third have replied.

Our Social Welfare Secretary hopes all quotas will be finished and sent off **soon.** Mrs. Mary D. White requests that names and addresses of donors be put **inside** the packages.

CROCKETT DEDICATES

Crockett's beautiful church was dedicated with a very appropriate service on Sunday afternoon, November 27. This is a federated church, combining the Congregationalists and Presbyterians, and is in every sense a community church.

Situated on an elevation adjacent to the main highway running through Crockett, the building stands out prominently and enhances the beauty of the surroundings. It is next to the entrance of a park and may be considered a part of the park itself, as the grounds are being landscaped in keeping with the same.

The pastor, Rev. Rudolph Caughey, the architect, and the builder have planned well together to make it an adaptable unit in community relationship. The auditorium is ample in size, but not too large, worshipful in design and structure. The educational departments are well arranged to meet the needs of the Sunday School, young people, and adult life. Kitchen, pantry, and dining room are also conveniently placed.

The dedicatory services were led by the pastor, Rev. Rudolph Caughey, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, representing the Northern California Congregational Conference. Rev. Ezra Allen Van Nuys, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of San Francisco, delivered the sermon, and Rev. B. Dent Naylor, an early pastor of the local Congregational Church, pronounced the benediction.

The church auditorium was filled to capacity with local people, and loud speakers were used in other parts of the building for the overflow in attendance. A unique chimes arrangement was used in the belfry of the church by adapting Victrola "chimes" disc records to an amplifier together with loud speakers. The chimes could be heard throughout the community.

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